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Side event of the UN 2023 Water Conference
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“From UNEA to General Assembly: Taking action for Sustainable Lake Management - as a catalyst to accelerate global commitment in the Water Action Agenda“

Speakers:

1. Prof. Dr. Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
2. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP
3. Sigit Reliantoro, Director General of Environmental Pollution and Degradation Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
4. Dr. Musonda Mumba, Executive Director of Ramsar
5. Dr. Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystem Division, UNEP
6. Dr. Jo Puri, Associate Vice President for Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD
7. Lou-Ellen Martin, Director of Urban Water and International Engagement, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia
8. Astrid Schomaker, Director for Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism, European Union
9. Inge Retnowati, Director of Inland Waters and Mangrove Rehabilitation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
10. Lis Mullin Bernhardt, Freshwater Unit, Marine and Freshwater Ecosystem, UNEP
11. Nina Raasakka, Coordinator WWQA, Global Environment Monitoring Unit, UNEP
12. Dr. Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, Program Specialist of Division of Water Sciences, International Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO
13. Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, ILEC
14. Nadya Hutagalung, influencer
15. Wendy Omanga, Global Youth Movement for Water

Co-facilitators:

1. Dr. Joakim Harlin, Head of Freshwater Unit, UNEP
2. Danny Rahdiansyah, Deputy Permanent Representative for UNEP and UN-Habitat, Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi

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This side event calls upon new commitments and actions for:

- (i) Protection, conservation, restoration and sustainable use of lakes, wetlands and other inland freshwater ecosystems, in an integrated management of the entire basin or watershed;
- (ii) Implementation of the UNEA Resolution No. UNEP/EA.5/Res.4 on Sustainable Lake Management;
- (iii) Addressing environmental conditions related lakes, wetlands and other inland freshwater ecosystems such as water pollution and land degradation, while taking the diverse values stemming from those efforts into ecosystem services and benefits for food, health, energy, biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods, as well as other economic and social co-benefits;
- (iv) Engaging all related stakeholders, particularly local communities, women and youth, in a concerted efforts;
- (v) Enhancing collaboration to accelerate the action on lakes, wetlands and other inland freshwater ecosystems, for the attainment of the Water Action Agenda, including Water for Health and Water for Climate, Resilience, and Environment.

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